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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

 This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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II. Priority

1. This report has been established as if no priority has been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:
 - copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(a)).
 - translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(b)).
2. This report has been established as if no priority has been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rule 64.1).

Thus for the purposes of this report, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-20 _____ YES
Claims NONE _____ NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims 1-20 _____ YES
Claims NONE _____ NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-20 _____ YES
Claims NONE _____ NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claim 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for enabling a client terminal to access a wireless network comprising: activating, in response to the information received from the client terminal, a software module that configures that client terminal for authentication using appropriate parameters associated with a configuration arrangement selected by a user, would not have been obvious over, nor otherwise fairly disclosed by the prior art of record.

We claim:

1. A method for enabling a client terminal to access a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

5 receiving an access request from the client terminal;
redirecting the access request to a local web server; requesting from the client terminal, information required to establish client terminal access to the wireless network;
activating, in response to the information received from the client terminal, a software module that reconfigures the client terminal for authentication using appropriate parameters associated with a configuration arrangement selected by a user; and
10 authenticating the reconfigured client terminal and allowing access to the wireless network in response to the authentication.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the wireless network is an IEEE 802.11 compliant wireless local area network (WLAN), and the client terminal is an IEEE 802.1x compliant client terminal.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the activating step comprises activating an Active X control/plug-in previously installed on the client terminal.

20 4. The method according to claim 2, wherein the activating step comprises downloading to, and activating in, the client terminal an Active X control/plug-in.

5. An access point for providing a secure communications session between a client terminal and a wireless network, comprising: a means for receiving an access request from the terminal; a means for redirecting the access request to a local web server for allowing a reconfigured access to the wireless network, means for activating, in response to the information received from the client terminal, a software module that reconfigures the client terminal for authentication using appropriate parameters associated with a configuration

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arrangement selected by a user; and means for authenticating the reconfigured client terminal and allowing access to the wireless network in response to the authentication.

6. The access point according to claim 5, wherein the access point complies with the
5 IEEE 802.11 standards and the client terminal is an IEEE 802.1x compliant client terminal.

7. A method for configuring a client terminal to provide secure access in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

10 filtering traffic associated with an HTTP request from the client terminal for access to the wireless network,

redirecting the request to a designated web server, and

issuing a request from the designated web server to the client terminal for information required to establish an authorized communication.

15 8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the wireless network is an IEEE 802.11 compliant wireless local area network (WLAN) and the client terminal is an IEEE 802.1x compliant client terminal.

20 9. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of the client terminal providing the web server information required to establish an authorized connection.

10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the web server and communicating to the client terminal access rate information required to establish an authorized communication.

25 11. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the web server and communicating to the client terminal access user account creation information required to establish an authorized communication.

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12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the web server and communicating to the client terminal access authentication method selection information required to establish an authorized communication.

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13. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the web server and communicating to the client terminal new account creation information required to establish an authorized communication.

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14. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the web server and communicating to the client terminal access user terms and conditions of acceptance information required to establish an authorized communication.

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15. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the client terminal and communicating to the web server access rate information required to establish an authorized communication.

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16. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the client terminal and communicating to the web server user account creation data required to establish an authorized communication.

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17. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the client terminal and communicating to the web server user access authentication method selection information required to establish an authorized communication.

18. The method according to claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving from the client terminal and communicating to the web server acceptance of the user access terms and conditions required to establish an authorized communication.

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19. The method according to claim 8, whereby the browser program is an ActiveX control.

20. The method according to claim 8, whereby the browser program is a plug-in.

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